



## THE STATE JOURNAL.

CHAUNCEY L. KNAPP, EDITOR.

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### JUNCTION OF PAPERS.

Finding it inconvenient, consistently with the performance of other and higher duties, to continue my connection with the publication of a newspaper, I have, on mature deliberation, disposed of my printing establishment to Messrs. E. P. Walton and Son, with the understanding that the Journal will, henceforward, appear in conjunction with the paper now published by them, under the title of VERNON WATCHMAN & STATE JOURNAL. It is well known that in politics, the two papers have, in the main harmonized; and as the leading object aimed at in the establishment of the Journal is now answered, there would seem to no pressing necessity for the continuance, in the same neighborhood, of two distinct papers, with so little diversity of character. Entertaining this view, I shall be rather gratified than otherwise, to find the patronage heretofore enjoyed by the Journal, in future bestowed on the joint paper.

Those who have paid for the Journal beyond the present date, and who make no objection, will be supplied with the Watchman and Journal to the extent of their claims on us; but should this arrangement, in any case prove unsatisfactory, the subscriber will be entitled to a re-payment of his overplus.

Legal notices, which have been ordered to be published in this paper, will be continued in the Watchman & Journal for the term required by law; and other advertisements will be transferred to the joint paper at the option of advertisers.

It is my intention to effect a full settlement of all accounts with as little delay as possible; and it is confidently hoped that all persons now indebted, will be prompt in attending to settlements. Those who receive bills and neglect payment beyond the first of January next, will not fail to let their accounts in the hands of an attorney. Persons wishing to transact business will call at the office of the Secretary of State, opposite the Bank.

On taking leave of the highly responsible post occupied for more than five years, during a period of history peculiarly distinguished for eventful interest, I cannot refrain from an expression of deeply-felt regret at the watchful Providence, who has drawn about me the kindest sympathies of confiding and faithful friends, ready at all times to afford me their counsels and support in the midst of perplexing scenes, which, under different auspices, could have been insupportable.

To my brethren of the editorial fraternity in Vermont, I tender my respectful acknowledgments, or the urban and gentlemanly treatment so generally received at their hands; and will only add the wish, that each and all may receive an ample recompence for their well directed labors—that each may find the reward of a good conscience—the solace of a useful and happy life.

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